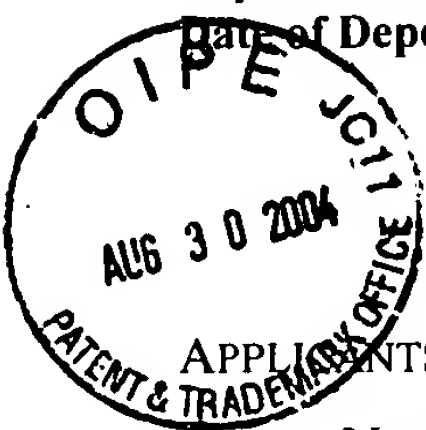


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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the April 30, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. With the extension, the response is due on or before August 30, 2004.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 27476-504. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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